

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A method of producing a polarizer comprising:
sticking two protective films to opposite surfaces of a polyvinyl alcohol polarizing element so that the polyvinyl alcohol polarizing element is held between said two protective films,

wherein said two protective films are stuck under the condition that a moisture content of said polyvinyl alcohol polarizing element is adjusted to be not higher than 15 % by weight,

wherein moisture permeability of each of said protective films is in a range of from 5 to 300 (g/m²·24h) at 40°C × 90%R.H,

wherein each of said protective films is a single layer film and is made of a resin selected from the group consisting of a polyester resin, a polyimide resin, a norbornene resin, and a polyolefin resin, and

wherein a moisture content of said polarizer is not higher than 3% by weight.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).